

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-21 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue unclaimed subject matter in related continuing or divisional applications.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Presently Amended) A method for producing release of intracellular material from one or more cells comprising applying a **continuous** voltage of not more than 50 volts to a suspension containing said cell or cells.
 2. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said voltage is from 0.5 to 50 volts.
 3. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said voltage is from 0.5 to 15 volts.
 4. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said voltage is from 1 to 10 volts.
 5. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said voltage is applied between electrodes spaced by no more than 10 mm in said suspension.
 6. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said voltage is applied between electrodes spaced by no more than 5 mm in said suspension.
 7. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said electrode spacing is no more than 1.5 mm.
 8. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said electrode spacing is no more than 0.5 mm.
 9. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said cells are bacterial cells, yeast cells, plant cells, animal cells, insect cells or human cells.

10. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said voltage is applied for a period of at least 30 seconds.

11. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein said voltage is applied for a period of at least 2 minutes.

12. – 21. (Presently Cancelled)
